



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.



All Saints (Stranton) Church

Notices and Readings – 4th January 2026

Rooted in God's love, Growing together with Jesus, Branching out in the Power of the Holy Spirit
Streamed services (marked *) are usually available to watch at the time or later on Facebook pages.

Sunday 4th January: First Sunday of Epiphany (White)

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Revd Becky	Stranton *
9:15 am	Holy Communion	Revd John/Revd Claire	St Luke's
10:45 am	Mass	Revd Becky	St Aidan's *
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Revd John/Revd Claire	Stranton

Midweek Services

Tuesday	6 th January	St Columba's	9:15 am	Revd Becky
Wednesday	7 th January	St Luke's	9:30 am	Revd John/Revd Claire
Wednesday	7 th January	St Matthew's	10:00 am	Revd Andrew

Collect

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Post Communion

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself
as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings for 4th January: **Isaiah 60:1-6**

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

Intercessions – Please pray for:

- A permanent solution for peace in the Middle East, an end to all conflicts and persecution around the world. Pray especially for Ukraine, Nigeria & Sudan.
- Our local schools, as they return to school. And for the families who will find this a tricky time.
- Our Children, Young People and Families; those who minister to them, and for our Uniformed Organisation.
- Growth in our churches as we seek to grow both in number and in our knowledge and understanding of God.
- Bishop Sarah Mullally following her appointment as the next Archbishop of Canterbury. And for the outcome following interviews for the new Bishop of Durham.
- Those living in isolation, anxiety and fear during the dark nights and cold days.
- Organisations in the town supporting those in need. For our local council and national government, and for Christian MPs witnessing their faith in the House of Commons.
- Our Clergy, Lay Ministry team and Mission Project Team.
- All those suffering in body, mind, or spirit; that they will know God's comfort and peace, including those we know in care homes.
- Those mourning the loss of loved ones, including the families and friends of Gwen Atkinson, Darren Rowbotham and Revd Geoffrey Webster

Notices

Please let a Minister or Church Warden know of any **special occasion** you are celebrating and would like to share.

900th Anniversary: If you have any **photos, memories, or family histories** of involvement with our church, then we'd love to hear from you. Please speak to Revd John, Revd Claire, or the team (Jacqui, Maureen, Diane, Cheryl).

Messy Church: **Sunday 11th January 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm at St Matthew's CC. All families welcome.**

Quiz Night: **Saturday 10th January, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm at Stranton Church.** Tickets £2/adult or £5/family. Entry includes hot snack and a drink. Max. 6 people per team, children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. See Jacqui Rogers in church or contact the office for tickets and more info

Discover Hope!: Are you interested in finding out more about the hope Christians have in Jesus Christ? Or do you know someone who is? We'd love to welcome you in the New Year to journey through a series of 6 short sessions to find out more about the Christian faith. There'll be plenty of opportunities to ask any questions you might have. Come on join us on Thursday evenings from **15th Jan through to 19th Feb 2026, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**, at Stranton. For more info, contact Revd John (07512 481115) or Revd Claire (07598 070481)

Opportunities to Serve: If you would like help with our **Children's and Youth work, Music Group, Sound and AV** or in any other way, please have a chat with Revd John or Revd Claire. **We are also actively searching for someone to work alongside David and Maureen with our church finances as David looks to step back as treasurer in the not-too-distant future.**

Foodbank: if you would like to donate any items to Foodbank, there is a box at the back of church.

Contacts:

Priest in charge: **Revd John Bell (Stranton & St Luke's)** Tel: 01429 756309 / 07512 481115.

revdjohnbell@stranton-church.org.uk **Usual day off – Friday.**

Priest in charge: **Revd Becky Reeve (St Aidan's & St Columba's)** Tel: 01429 671358

revbeckystaidanandcolumba@gmail.com **Usual day off – Saturday.**

Curate **Revd Claire Mead (Stranton & St Luke's)** Tel: 07598 070481

curate@stranton-church.org.uk **Usual day off - Friday**

Stranton Church Office: **Trish (Parish Administrator)** Tel: 01429 894006 / 07305 550009

admin@stranton-church.org.uk Contact hours: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 12:00pm

The Church Office is at St Matthew's Community Centre, Arncliffe Gardens, TS26 9JF.

Bookings: please call in on Weds, 12:00pm to 2:00pm, or contact to arrange a time.

Safeguarding: **Jacqui Rogers (Parish Safeguarding Officer)** Tel: 07749 163606

safeguarding@stranton-church.org.uk

Website: <https://www.stranton-church.org.uk/>

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsstranton/?locale=en_GB

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMNoiSa2KGgGWkzli62VFcA>

Other Central Hartlepool Group links:

St Luke's: https://www.facebook.com/stlukeshartlepool/?locale=en_GB

St Aidan's and St Columba's: https://www.facebook.com/aidancolumba/?locale=en_GB

Mission Project: Patrick Reeve (Mission Enabler) Tel: 07712 150190 patrick@hartlepoolcoh.co.uk

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